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## Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Gay Ann Spahn, Patent Examiner.

(3) Steven E. Koffs, Attorney.

(2) Michael Safavi, Primary Examiner.

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Date of Interview: 29 November 2007.

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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 8, 13, and 16.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,421,964 to SCHIEDEGGER ET AL. and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0124485 to PULTE.

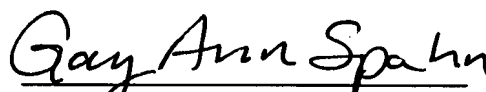
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Koffs had asked how the examiner might interpret the cited references with respect to any possible application against the claims as set forth in the proposed amendment presented for review at time of interview (see attached). The examiner had stated that with the claims being directed to a stock material possessing a "component" or a "channel" or "apertures" it would be exacting to attempt to explain how any or all of the references might serve to read upon the claimed invention particularly with the application currently having four independent claims. The examiner suggested for Applicant to clearly define the elements and details of the invention as by presenting claims varying from the broadest scope to which the Applicant believes they are entitled to the most detailed that they are willing to accept. Otherwise, a careful review of the prior art will need to be made upon submission of Applicants' amendment in response to the outstanding Office action.

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**DRAFT OF AMENDED CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2007, the Examiner is requested to review the enclosed proposed claim amendments for discussion in an interview

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**DRAFT FOR INTERVIEW ONLY – DO NOT ENTER****Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A trim accessory comprising:  
a soffit receiver component;  
a siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component,  
one of said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component  
having an attachment portion that is shaped and positioned to be attached to a building, the  
attachment portion having attachment apertures, and  
an additional a three-sided channel portion of said trim accessory between said soffit  
receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component, separate and the three-sided  
channel portion being distinct from said attachment portion soffit receiver component and  
distinct from said siding accessory receiver component, so the soffit receiver component and said  
siding accessory receiver component are spatially separated from each other, the additional  
three-sided channel portion having a plurality of vent apertures disposed therethrough, said vent  
apertures being separate from the attachment apertures, said vent apertures located in a separate  
plane from a plane in which the attachment apertures are located, so that they said vent apertures  
are substantially hidden from view, at least when the trim accessory is installed on a building and  
a soffit accessory and a siding accessory are received into the corresponding soffit receiver  
component and siding accessory receiver component.
2. (Original): The trim accessory of claim 1, wherein the trim accessory is comprised of  
polyvinylchloride.
3. (Previously Presented): The trim accessory of claim 1, further comprising a crown  
molding or cove molding located intermediate said soffit receiver component and said siding

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accessory receiver component, the crown molding or cove molding being formed from the same piece of material as said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component.

4. (Previously Presented): The trim accessory of claim 1, wherein said soffit receiver component includes an attachment portion, a bottom portion and a connecting portion, and wherein said siding accessory receiver component includes back edge portion, a front portion and a connecting portion.

5. (Currently Amended): The trim accessory of claim 4, wherein at least one of said bottom portion or connecting portion of said soffit receiver component or said front portion or connecting portion of said siding accessory receiver component includes said an additional plurality of vent apertures.

6. (Currently Amended): The trim accessory of claim 1, ~~further comprising a vent component connected to said soffit receiver component and located intermediate wherein one end of said three-sided channel portion of said trim accessory is directly connected to said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component, wherein said vent component includes said vent apertures.~~

7. (Withdrawn): The trim accessory of claim 6, wherein a first end of said vent component is directly connected to said soffit receiver component and wherein a second end of said vent component is directly connected to said siding accessory receiver component.

8. (Previously Presented): A trim accessory comprising:  
a three-sided soffit receiver component having an attachment edge portion, a bottom portion and a connecting portion, said attachment edge portion, bottom portion and connecting portion defining a soffit receiving channel, and

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a three-sided siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component and having a back edge portion, a front portion and a connecting portion, said back edge portion, front portion and connecting portion defining a siding accessory receiving channel, and

a three-sided vent component between said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component, the three-sided vent component having three walls distinct from walls of said soffit receiver component and distinct from walls of said siding accessory receiver component, so the soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component are spatially separated from each other, the three-sided vent component having a first plurality of vent apertures disposed therethrough, and

wherein the connecting portion and front portion of the siding accessory receiver component includes a second plurality of vent apertures.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Withdrawn): The trim accessory of claim 10, wherein a first end of said vent component is directly connected to said soffit receiver component and wherein a second end of said vent component is directly connected to said siding accessory receiver component.

12. (Currently Amended): The trim accessory of claim 10, further comprising an aesthetic ornamental component located intermediate said soffit receiver component and siding accessory receiver component, separating the vent component from the siding accessory receiver component.

13. (Currently Amended): A trim accessory comprising:



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a soffit receiver component having an attachment edge portion, a bottom portion and a connecting portion, said attachment edge portion, bottom portion and connecting portion defining a soffit receiving channel,

a siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component and having a back edge portion, a front portion and a connecting portion, said back edge portion, front portion and connecting portion defining a siding accessory receiving channel,

a multiple-sided vent component connected to the soffit receiver component and located intermediate said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component, wherein said vent component includes vent apertures; and

an ~~aesthetic~~ multiple-sided ornamental component distinct from the vent component and located intermediate said soffit receiver component and siding accessory receiver component, wherein said ~~aesthetic~~ornamental component has a first end directly connected to the vent component and a second end directly connected to the siding accessory receiver component.

14. (Currently Amended): The trim accessory of claim 13, wherein said ~~aesthetic~~ornamental component is arc-shaped.

15. (Original): The trim accessory of claim 8, wherein the trim accessory is a one-piece plastic extruded article.

16. (Currently Amended): A trim accessory comprising:

a soffit receiver component having an attachment edge portion, a bottom portion and a connecting portion, said attachment edge portion, bottom portion and connecting portion defining a soffit receiving channel, and

a siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component and having a back edge portion, a front portion and a connecting portion, said back edge portion, front portion and connecting portion defining a siding accessory receiving channel,

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a vent component including first and second parallel edges and a connecting edge, the first parallel edge connected to the bottom portion of the soffit receiver component and the second parallel edge connected to an ornamental component that separates the soffit receiver component from the siding accessory receiver component.

wherein at least one of said bottom portion or connecting portion of said soffit receiver component or said front portion or connecting portion of said siding accessory receiver component includes vent apertures,

wherein the trim accessory is a one-piece plastic post-formed extruded article.

17. (Withdrawn): A trim system for an exterior surface of a building comprising:

a trim accessory having:

a soffit receiver component defining a soffit receiving channel,

a siding accessory receiver component defining a siding accessory receiving channel, said siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component,

one of said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component having an attachment portion that is shaped and positioned to be attached to a building, the attachment portion having attachment apertures and

an additional portion of said trim accessory, separate and distinct from said attachment portion, the additional portion having a plurality of vent apertures being separate from the attachment apertures, said vent apertures disposed through said trim accessory and located so that they are substantially hidden from view at least when the trim accessory is installed on a building;

a soffit panel received into the soffit receiving channel of the soffit receiver component;

and

a siding accessory received into the siding accessory receiving channel of the siding accessory receiver component.

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18. (Withdrawn): The trim system of claim 17, wherein the trim accessory further comprises a vent component intermediate said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component, and wherein the vent apertures are located on said vent component.
19. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended): The trim system of claim 17, wherein the trim accessory further comprises an aestheticornamental component positioned intermediate said soffit receiver component and said siding accessory receiver component.
20. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended): The trim system of claim 19, wherein the aestheticornamental component is a crown molding or an arc-shaped cove molding.
21. (Withdrawn): The trim system of claim 17 further comprising a siding panel received into the siding accessory.
22. (Withdrawn): A method of installing a trim system on an exterior surface of a building comprising:  
providing a trim accessory having a soffit receiver component, a siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component, and vent apertures,  
installing the trim accessory on the exterior surface of the building such that the vent apertures are hidden from the view of all observers outside of the building upon installation of a siding accessory and a soffit accessory, while no separate piece of molding has been installed to cover the vent apertures.
23. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 22 further comprising installing a soffit panel into a soffit receiving channel of the soffit receiver component.

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24. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 23, further comprising installing a siding accessory into a siding accessory receiving channel of the siding accessory receiver component.

25. (Withdrawn): The method of claim 24, further comprising installing a siding panel into the siding accessory.

26. (Withdrawn): A method of installing a trim system on an exterior surface of a building comprising:

providing a trim accessory having a soffit receiver component, a siding accessory receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component, and a vent component, wherein one or more of said soffit receiver component, siding accessory receiver component or vent component includes vent apertures, and

installing the trim accessory on the exterior surface of the building such that the vent apertures are hidden from the view of all observers located outside of the building while no separate piece has been installed to cover the vent apertures.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Withdrawn): A trim accessory comprising:

a soffit receiver component;

a siding panel receiver component integral with said soffit receiver component, and

vent apertures disposed through said trim accessory which are capable of being substantially hidden from view at least when the trim accessory is installed on a building and a soffit panel and a siding panel are received into the corresponding soffit receiver component and siding panel receiver component,

wherein the siding panel receiver component includes two channels which are capable of receiving a siding panel.

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29. (Currently Amended): The trim accessory of claim 13, wherein the ~~aesthetic~~ornamental component is a crown molding or a cove molding.
30. (New): The trim accessory of claim 6, wherein a second end of said three-sided channel portion of said trim accessory is directly connected to a first end of an ornamental component, and the siding accessory receiver component is directly connected to a second end of the ornamental component.